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## Now We Can Dig That Hole!

### Construction Closing Signals Start of Excavation At Supermarket Site

Nine years of planning came to fruition on Friday, June 30, 1989, as the construction closing for the Pathmark/NCC Neighborhood Shopping Center was held with 1st Fidelity Bank. The long-awaited event for the \$8,580,000 loan ran from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prudential Insurance Co. of America is providing a 7.2 million dollar permanent loan for the project.

New Community would like to thank 1st Fidelity Bank, their attorneys, St. John, Oberdorf, et al., Steve Brignola our loan officer and all who were involved for their help to make the supermarket possible.

A special thanks must go out to our partner Supermarkets General for their commitment throughout the entire nine year project planning stage.

Art Wilson, president of the board of New Community pointed out that all people have three basic needs — shelter, food and clothing. The joint venture with Pathmark has brought to reality the provision of decent food to the people living not only in the housing which New Community has built but to all living and working in Newark.

Mr. Wilson is excited that decent

food will again be convenient and plentiful as a full service supermarket comes back to the neighborhood. He is also proud of the way the people in the community rallied around for the common good to confirm their vision of the new Pathmark as a community shopping center, valued in their lives. "They are not going to let anything happen to it. It's one piece of stock everyone has a share in," he said proudly.

The City Council also played a part in the culmination of the shopping center when they went out of their way to provide a tax abatement. Councilman Ralph T. Grant, Jr., Donald Tucker, George Branch, Ronald L. Rice and their council president Henry Martinez can be proud of their efforts. City money was also provided for demolition at the site.

Construction was started under the direction of Turner Construction Company on July 10, 1989. Perimeter construction fencing has already been erected and excavation and site work is underway. It is expected to take 8 months for substantial completion.

In talking about the closing, Mrs. Mary Smith, treasurer of the board



Gathered at the Pathmark site after the construction closing are front row (left to right): Robert C. Ryder, Turner Construction Co. (T.C.C.); John C. Sweeney (BOMAD); Todd Koenig (T.C.C.); Mel Kenduck, Mike Zimring and Lou Corbo (Pathmark) and Larry Goldston (N.C.C.). Back row (left to right): Bill Matthews and John E. Lawler (T.C.C.); Richard Bassett and John Marques (Pathmark).

for New Community admitted that of all the projects she has done over the past 20 years, this has given her the most joy, "because of all the unmet needs in the community, this is the greatest of all. People must have food for their families at fair prices that do

not create additional suffering. The poor need food at reasonable prices more than anyone. They, of all people, have to stretch that dollar more."

Satellite stores at the 55,000 sq. foot shopping center will consist of a food  
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## Community Non-Profit Role Explored By N.J.I.T. Student Interns

Elsewhere in this month's **Clarion** you will learn that in April of this year, approximately 15,000 people responded to an ad accepting applications for NCC's **waiting list** for housing. 14,400 were families; 600 were seniors.

The response underscored the dire need for affordable housing at a time



NJIT interns Ann Frey and Myriam Martinez with E. Sandra Nippes at the Lake Hopatcong site.

when plans are being made to eliminate 39 more low income high-rise buildings in Newark. Who will provide shelter for a rising number of homeless families and those living in sub-standard housing? Someone must care.

More and more the burden is being carried by non-profit housing corporations, at times working with large corporations such as New Communi-

ty's Colgate-Palmolive partnership in Jersey City, or Harmony House for homeless families with which it is working as partner to Hartz-Mountain Industries.

The future of housing rests with increased awareness of the non-profit role.

Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Anthony M. (Doc) Villane, Jr. puts a priority on the need for affordable housing but was reminded of budget restraints by the legislature. He has however, introduced a new student Housing Fellows program working with the DCA and New Community which will focus attention on the problem of low-income housing.

Ten New Jersey Institute of Technology students have been named Housing Fellows and are now receiving training from New Community Corporation. Students in the fields of architecture, civil engineering (construction) and management are participating in the program, assigned to projects in their respective fields.

The training, it is hoped, will enable them to plan, construct, rehabilitate and operate housing projects for families of moderate income and encourage community organizations to assist in developing such projects.

Following the summer work/study program with NCC the students will rotate between other non-profit housing agencies throughout Essex and Hudson counties.

If successful, the pilot program may be expanded into other areas such as

Trenton and Camden.

Ray Codey, director of development at New Community, feels the program will be of benefit to both the students and the community, thanks to the "hands on" learning process. NCC will benefit from fresh insights from the students' vantage point.

We'd like to introduce you to the participants.

Sara Gordon is a native of New Jersey and currently a graduate student at N.J.I.T. studying architecture. Her undergraduate degree is in

civil engineering.

Sara intends eventually to have her own firm "which would be involved in civic, educational and corporate architecture as well as the design of better, more affordable housing and public facilities so necessary to the inner city poor." She feels very strongly about the need and would like to do as much as she can to help in the effort.

Sara has been involved with four different projects for New Community.  
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## Gone Fishing!!!



Holding the catch of the day (from left to right) are Troy Cheeks, Leotis Price, Cornelius Ritchwood, and Darri Coley. (Story page 10)

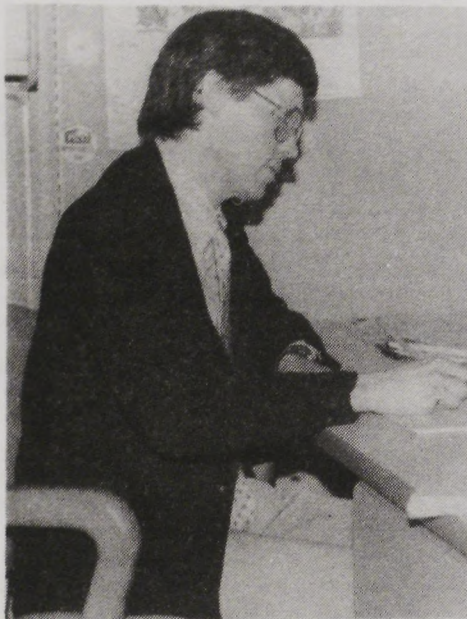


## A Volunteer With Many Talents: Jim Gerofsky

One morning recently a serious new face appeared at a desk near mine. A new employee, I thought. And a diligent one, I realized, as I watched him work quietly while I went to and fro.

Eventually, I asked who this new person was, and a beautiful story unfolded for the Clarion.

The new face belonged to Jim Gerofsky, not a new employee, but a valuable volunteer who was spending



**To Jim Gerofsky vacations are a giving time, and happily so for New Community.**

his two week vacation donating his expertise to New Community.

Jim's regular position is senior economist for The National Council of Compensation Insurance (NCCI). His undergraduate degree came from



## Monsignor Wm. Linder Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been set up in honor of Monsignor Wm. J. Linder, Ph.D.

Anyone who wishes to make a gift to the fund this year may do so by making a check out to: MONSIGNOR WM. J. LINDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Contributions should be addressed to:

Monsignor Linder Scholarship Fund  
c/o St. Rose of Lima Rectory  
11 Gray Street  
Newark, NJ 07107  
Attention: Mary Ann Kearney

Contributions will be tax-exempt.



## THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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New Jersey Institute of Technology in industrial engineering and a masters followed in economics at Rutgers, Newark. He also earned a law degree.

Having lived in East Rutherford and Montclair, Jim is no stranger to Newark; nor is this his first involvement in urban volunteer work. He was formerly a literacy tutor in Newark, and when working in Washington, D.C. for the federal government in the late 70's he donated his time to a group called 'So Others May Eat' (S.O.M.E.) which was involved in food distribution. In 1975, he worked as a volunteer at Newark Legal Services.

When Jim came North to work in Manhattan the priest from S.O.M.E. told him about a priest in Newark involved in housing with a group called New Community Corporation. Perhaps Jim would like to look up the name and give him a call.

Monsignor Linder of course knows when a golden opportunity has arrived and promptly put Jim to work.

Jim helped locate information concerning grant proposals for Babyland IV for private foundations in his spare time working with Mary Smith, Dr. James Oleske, authority on AIDS at United Hospitals in Newark, Sister Clare Elton and Soledad Alston who were involved in the new Babyland undertaking as well as Mary Boland from United Hospitals and Gwendy Long director of human services, for NCC.

He enjoys doing research for specific things on his PC putting in a few hours when he can. "I take my hat off to my boss," Jim told me. "I told him what I'm doing at NCC and he's been quite supportive and compassionate."

Babyland looks to corporations for

"In Kind" donations of towels, dishes, etc. and research by computer for such things is Jim's forte. He enjoys the computer and puts together software packages for compilation of documents, project events and meetings. For example Jim also organizes necessary tax events or schedules for building and planning.

Talking about New Community he said, "It's such an exciting thing, because it's grassroots and a community effort." He cited the new Babyland III building and the New Community Extended Care Facility as outstanding additions to the community.

"I remember what the neighborhood looked like," he continued. He knew what it looked like when South Orange Avenue was devastated and made up his mind not to forget. "It's come a heck of a long way since then," he said positively. When he returned to Newark he was "quite amazed to see how much was here."

The fact that what was done was accomplished by the community people and not by the city or government bureaucracy impressed him and drew him to volunteer his talents to New Community. When he spoke with Father Linder about what was presently being done and what was planned for the future he "found it exciting and wanted to get involved in it."

"I'm amazed that it runs on so few people," he commented thoughtfully of New Community.

But then the key to any successful organization to fulfill its purpose is a few hardworking dedicated people...and warmhearted, talented volunteers like Jim.

Many thanks for your help.

## We Are Called To Share And Give

There was a special private mass at the Newark Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on June 15, 1989.

Archbishop Joseph A. Francis, along with the junior choir of St. Rose of Lima Church and the Spanish choir of St. Michael's, welcomed 18 Afro-American and Hispanic bishops and archbishops from across the United States. There are a total of thirty-two in this country.

The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Roberto Sanchez of Puerto Rico. He stated that the purpose of this coming together was to express a combined concern about the evangelization of their people (Afro-American and Hispanic) in the United States.

Archbishop Sanchez delivered a heartfelt homily, saying, "We have to be concerned about our people. Society says, almost commands, that we be kind to animals, but nothing is dictated about our fellow human beings. This is a great concern. People buy pet food in massive quantities, and you wonder what they are doing about the hungry human beings who sleep under bridges and in parks or abandoned buildings — children who know nothing else."

Archbishop Sanchez said that there is a special growing concern among them for the blacks and hispanics, but they are here to serve all people. They want others to know what is happening around them and not to turn deafly and blindly away. He mentioned a newly ordained bishop, Roberto Gonzalez, who was like a new car when he first started a year ago, and now is showing signs of tiring but is still determined to serve the people.

"We give ourselves in dedication in the name of Christ," he said.

Archbishop Sanchez reminded us that God calls us to serve one another, that one can never serve too much,

and that there is no greater love than to give one's life for his sisters and brothers. To stress this point, there was a moving reference made to a tragedy during the Earthquake in Armenia, where a mother and child were buried alive under rubble for thirty days. So that her child might not perish, the mother cut her own flesh and nursed her daughter on her own blood. This is what Jesus did for us. Because of his love he nourished us with his living blood that we may have life.

In closing Archbishop Sanchez addressed the intimate gathering of friends and parishioners and said, "We are all called to share and give."

He expressed gratitude for our sharing and asked our continued support through prayers.

Go with God — Via Con Dios!

Joyce Cook  
Social Services

## Plight Of The Homeless

### 15,000 Apply For NCC Waiting List

It is sometimes difficult to imagine just how many individuals are in dire need of housing. Whether homeless, living in substandard conditions, or paying more than they can afford for rent, the number of individuals in need of housing is frightening.

In April, NCC's Management Office placed an ad in the local newspapers advertising that they were accepting applications for their waiting list for affordable housing. The response to their ad was overwhelming. Over 15,000 coupons were received from both families and senior citizens. Of this 15,000 only 4,000 names were pulled - 2,000 each for families and senior citizens.

While NCC works continuously to reduce the number of people in need of housing, their efforts amount to nothing more than a drop in the bucket.

With the homeless population on the rise, it makes one wonder what is a priority with our politicians these days. Sure, they profess to be staunch advocates of affordable housing and readily admit that more needs to be done. But the bureaucratic red tape that one must go through to build affordable housing is a nightmare that no one should have to endure.

Thanks to persistence, perseverance and the grace of God, NCC has been able to put a dent (regardless of how small) in the rising number of families. It is difficult to imagine the plight of these individuals if you have not walked in their shoes. Maybe more would be done and done expeditiously if those individuals making decisions experienced first hand what it is like to be without a home. Maybe, just maybe, the statistics on those in need of housing would change from being on the rise to being on the decline.

Unfortunately, the likelihood of that happening is almost nihil; therefore, we are left with the hope that our government officials' level of social consciousness will be raised to a point where they will no longer bog themselves down in bureaucratic red tape but raise themselves up, and demonstrate that they can be the expedient movers and shakers they professed to be during election time.

Until then we thank God for the NCCs of the world and continue to pray that one day the nightmare of the homeless will be over and the dreams and hopes of these individuals will come true.



## Behind The Shelter Door

### Babyland's Family Violence Shelter Needs

#### Toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.) Washcloths and Towels

Do you travel? Save us your hotel/motel size shampoo, soap, lotion, etc. We will give it to our mothers and their children to whom we offer shelter.

Many times our mothers can take nothing with them when they leave the terrible circumstances in which they live with their little ones.

Any donations can be dropped off at St. Rose of Lima Rectory, 11 Gray Street, Newark or at the 2nd floor reception desk at St. Joseph Plaza, 233 W. Market Street. Please label them for the Family Violence Shelter.

If you do not come in to Newark and would like to donate please call the Shelter at

**(201) 484-4446**

and we will try to get your donation to us somehow.



# Interns With A Social Conscience...

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ty — New Community Estates (affordable housing), a recreation center, the St. Joseph Rectory renovation and a new design for a much needed addition to St. Rose School. She and Jamie Malanga have met with Roz Li who designed the new St. Joseph Plaza and is now working on the rectory renovation.

"I feel that working with NCC has already been an invaluable learning experience for me and has provided me with the opportunity to help an

"By working with New Community Corporation this summer I have learned that you can design and build a quality project with limited funds," concluded Jamie.

**Ann Frey**, who also worked on New Community Estates and is currently a third year student in a masters of architecture program at N.J.I.T. "does not believe that the goal of architecture is extravagant ornamental buildings, but instead designing buildings that meet the needs of our society, such as moderate

fellowship with New Community to interact with people in the business community. He is working on selecting the telephone and security systems for Harmony House as well as office equipment for the administrative building and other research. He has learned to perform many functions, he says, even though they are not related to his discipline. Eventually he would like to build an export enterprise back in Jamaica.

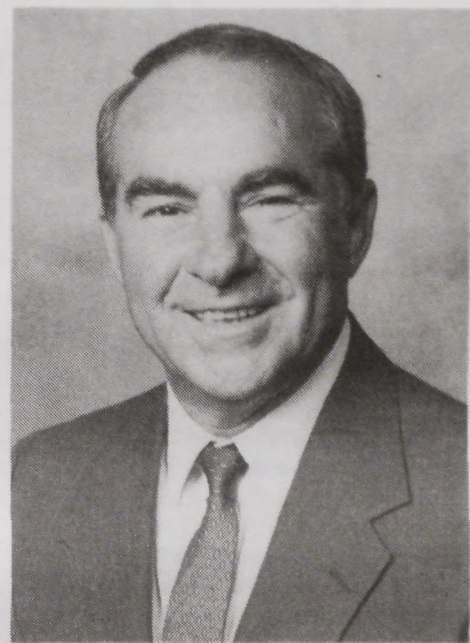
**Bimal Kirtikumar Shah** received a degree in geotechnical engineering in India before coming to N.J.I.T. where he is studying structural engineering. Eventually he will go back to India to set up his own business. Studying in America is a tradition in his family.

A person with a deep social conscience, Bimal worked part-time as an official "writer" of the blind students who wanted to participate in the exams given by state and government, while completing his B.S. at L.D. College of Engineering in India. He also worked part-time as a volunteer for activities of disabled persons, like sports competitions, seminars, etc.

From high school days he has been interested in working for the community and has a deep respect "for different kinds of people of the world," believing that wherever you go in the world, life and living problems remain the same within the community." This interest is what brought him to New Community.

Soon he will be working with Turner Construction Company on the Pathmark which will benefit the community here in the near future.

**William Hemeleski** of Bloomfield is an undergraduate industrial administration major who has been working on the redesign of New Community's Central Maintenance Department to make it more efficient, more productive and more cost effective and finds that "being an intern



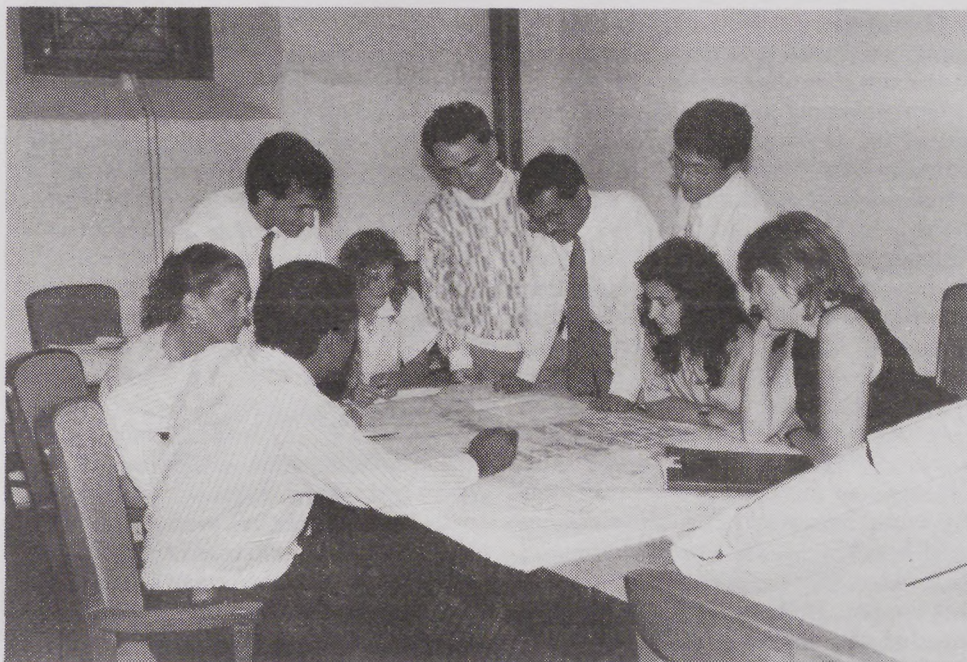
**Commissioner Anthony M. Villane.**

is an interesting experience as it has given me more exposure to how the business community works, how to relate to people and how to control costs of business."

The other students taking part in the project are Michael Hoon of Ridgefield Park, an undergraduate architecture major; James P. Hennessy of Haskell, an undergraduate architecture major; Vincent Burke of Newark, an undergraduate civil engineering technology major; and Miriam Martinez of Matawan.

They have met with architects, issued some schematic designs and met with planners and consultants to formulate a process for developing programs best suited to each assigned site. Along the way each feels perhaps the work done will make a difference.

We wish all the students well in their future endeavors and hope their experience here at New Community will be of benefit to those in need throughout the world.



**NJIT interns gather around to research plans for a new site.**

organization which is contributing such an important service for those living in Newark," said Sara. She feels in this way she is using her skills to help in their efforts.

**Jamie Malanga** is living in Hoboken and currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in architecture. He would also like to own his own firm and work on projects in the public and private sector. He has worked on Harmony House, our 102 unit transitional housing complex, designing the administrative offices, interior recreational space and exterior courtyard while working on a limited budget.

functional housing that satisfactorily meet the needs of those who inhabit them, as well as the redevelopment of our cities with positive application to our environment."

Ann feels she has gained extremely valuable insight from the "early planning to the realistic approach," during her fellowship.

**Colly Burke** who hails from St. Catherine, Jamaica, has lived in Westfield, N.J. since 1974. He has held many jobs but has decided on a major in industrial administration with a concentration in finance.

It was his hope through the

## Excavating Begins...

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court which Roma Foods is helping build and a Dunkin' Donuts franchise.

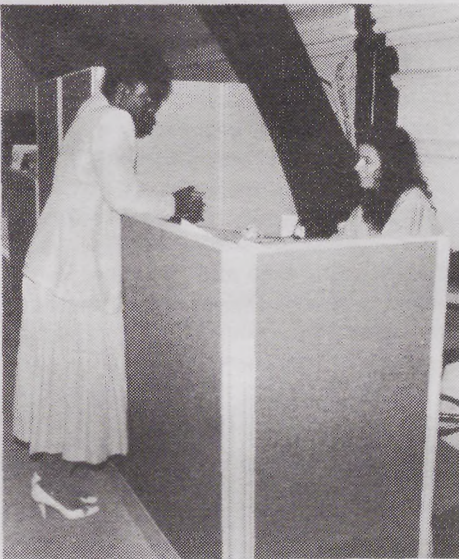
The 260 permanent jobs created by the 24 hour supermarket will give residents 160 full time spots. The other 100 part time openings could give young people an opportunity to earn money in a job other than present government funded programs. After school jobs are rare in Newark.

Cecilia Faulks, Director of Human Resources at New Community breathed a great sigh of relief when the closing was over, for it seemed to her that the shopping center plan had been around for as long as she had. She was ecstatic about the closing, for now that it was complete, there would be "real movement on site." All parties from New Community present left the attorney's office in such a good mood and celebrated by having lunch at The Priory together.

They were elated they were finally going to see a hole dug.

Perhaps no one who has not been through it will be able to appreciate the long, tedious, delicate, frustrating challenge to creativity this supermarket project has entailed.

But there are 98,000 consumers within a one mile radius who will experience a much needed boost in their economy due to their efforts — and who will also have a little more time to enjoy their lives.



**Jeanette Page - Hawkins and NJIT intern Jamie Malanga work on architectural plans for NCC's Harmony House.**

## Harmony House Staff And Building Taking Shape

New Community Harmony House - Transitional Homeless Family Facility is progressing daily. The construction of the complex is one fourth complete.

The erecting of staff and programming of Harmony House is also moving forward.

On June 19, 1989, Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Administrator for Harmony House assumed her duties. She will be responsible for the administration of Harmony House that will serve 102 homeless families. Services will include not only transitional housing but day care and case management services. Mrs. Page-Hawkins brings to the position approximately ten years of administrative experience in the field of social services.

She received her Baccalaureate



**Jeanette Page - Hawkins, Administrator for NCC's Harmony House.**

Degree from Rutgers University in Newark New Jersey and her Masters of Social Work in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mrs. Page-Hawkins has also earned 105 credits from Rutgers University - New Jersey Certified Public Management Program.

The philosophy, goals and objectives of Harmony House are embraced by Mrs. Page-Hawkins. She feels the comprehensive services that will be offered to Harmony House families will promote self sufficiency and an improved quality of life and expresses great enthusiasm about the opening of Harmony House in October.

## FACTS ABOUT THE NEW COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

1. You are eligible to be a member if you are one of the following:

- New Community Corporation Employee
- Babyland Nursery Employee
- Babyland Nursery Parent
- St. Rose School Employee
- St. Rose School Parent
- St. Rose Church Member
- Extended Health Care Facility Employee
- New Community Resident
- Gateway Cable Employee
- Community Foodbank Employee

2. Members of your family are also entitled to join the Credit Union.

3. You can obtain personal and car loans at lower interest rates than most banks and other financial institutions.

4. You can maintain savings account and pay your loan through payroll deductions.

5. You can consolidate your outstanding loans from other institutions through the Credit Union.

6. You can still maintain your membership with all the benefits after you leave the employment of the NCC Network, Gateway Cable or Community FoodBank.

For more information come in the St. Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey or call (201) 623-2800 Exts. 208, 209 or 296 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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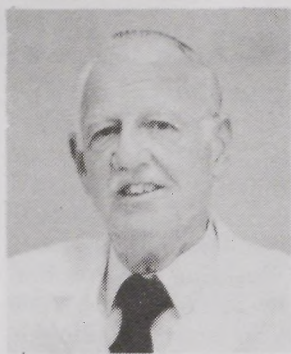
## Notes From Babyland: So You Have A "Rash"

I am quite well aware that an itch has many causes. The skin is most important as a cover and protector of the body surface. The skin also reacts to hot and cold; the former by sweating, the latter by chilling — closing the pores to retain heat. The skin is also involved in many diseases, infections, hereditary factors, allergy to food and most important, reaction to drugs.

Some of the diseases, particularly of childhood, are self evident, such as measles and chicken pox. Others, not so easy to diagnose, such as scarlet fever. First, at one time, it is now uncommon. It causes a flush rash associated with fever and sore throat.

There are hereditary causes of rashes. One is psoriasis. It can start in adolescence. It usually involves at first the scalp and it has shining silver scales on a red base. Cortisone cream has been a boon to treatment as it allays the discomfort and modifies the flame look.

As one ages, the body machine gets fatigued, e.g., the brain, heart, kidneys, etc., begin to fail and drugs are needed for support and correction of the problem. However, for everything that is good with these drugs, there is often an adverse reaction. The classical and most important reaction is "hives." Penicillin is a chief offender; sulfa drugs also. Ceflor, somewhat related to penicillin, can cause severe sickness, hives, etc. Anytime you are on drugs



Dr. Paul  
Kearney

and get a rash, grab the telephone and call your doctor. He will know if it is "drug related."

I can't help but recall a true story. This wife and mother developed a rash which was aggravated when she went to bed. Her husband, who slept beside her, did not get the rash. She ended up in the hands of a psychiatrist after six weeks of intense itching. The psychiatrist got nowhere, but another astute physician noted that the air conditioner in the room directed the air to her side of the bed. He also noted birds' nests in and outside the air conditioner. At night when she turned on the machine to get to sleep, she was being sprayed with bird lice (they are smaller than a dot). You know, she kept telling everyone that she did not need a psychiatrist and that she wasn't crazy. She was right.

As to over-the-counter offerings — one that comes to mind is skin moisturizers. They promise a youthful appearance but if you read the ingredients, you might worry about having any skin left.

A word to the wise...don't be rash, just call your doctor.

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
Medical Director  
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

## Ocean/Bayview Home Project Exhibited At Neighborhood Fair



Anthony Thomas displays photos of the Ocean/Bayview affordable housing project at a neighborhood fair in Jersey City.

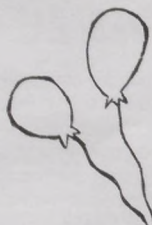
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## Home Health Aide Of The Month: Crystal Holden

Crystal Holden is a young woman who has worked as a NCC Home Health Aide for over a year. She is a dedicated and hard working person. One of the nurses on staff who often observes Crystal's work states: "Crystal displays a personality that shows a compassion for her patient beyond the call of duty. She illustrates confidence in herself and her job duties which undoubtedly reflects in the enthusiasm that her patients have for her."

One of her patients was an elderly gentleman who took delight in seeing her each time she came.

Crystal not only performed her duties of personal care, but helped him in other ways, light cleaning, meal preparation but the greatest service she provided was herself. Theodore looked forward to her coming, it brightened his day and filled it with a bit of sunshine. Her caring, thoughtful ways made his life a bit happier.

Her concern for him was quite evident. She would stop in the office to report to the Social Worker any changes in his behavior. Sometimes he would become confused and did not and eat his Meals On Wheels and before leaving prepare something for his supper. If there was anything he needed she would make it known.



Crystal Holden

needed she would make it known.

One of the most difficult and saddest parts of Crystal's work came when Theodore had to move because of the need for constant care. She said farewell with the hope of better days for him, and new beginnings for herself with another patient.

## Celebrate Life

On Sunday, May 28th, there was a very special service held at St. Rose of Lima Church. The 10:30 Mass was in honor of the members of the community and parish who were celebrating their golden years as senior citizens.

It was a picture perfect day and the faces of almost one hundred golden agers were in attendance for Monsignor Linder's service and anointing of the sick. Along with the anointing each received a carnation in full bloom as a symbol of complete and pure living.

This Mass was even more memorable because members like Bill Eberhardt, a long time member of the parish and active volunteer and Marie Phillips, resident of NC Roseville and former Senior Chorus member led the entrance procession carrying a banner which proclaimed "Celebrate Life" along with the symbol of a living tree and the rising sun.

Henry "Lou" DeGroat, who heads the Roseville Golden Age Club, did a splendid job of the first reading and

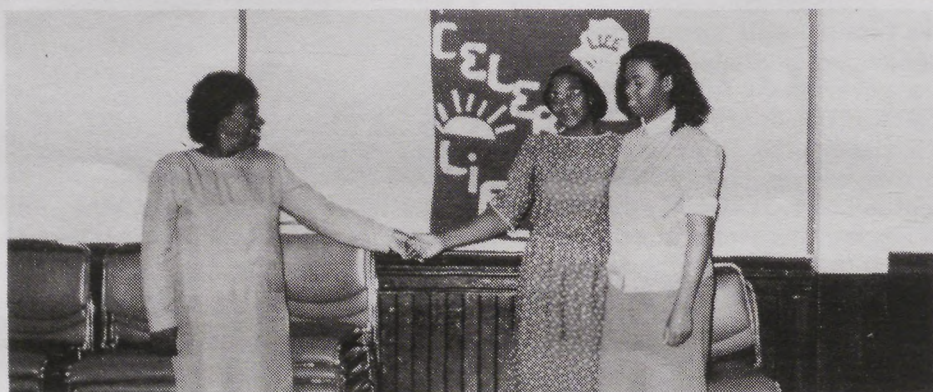
responsorial psalm. He was followed by Dorothy Brown, member of the parish and loving grandmother, who did the second reading.

A few others who participated were Beatrice Quittley of NC Manor, Florie Davis of Douglass/Harrison and Judy Cook a long time member of St. Rose, both school and church. She was there with her mother. Everyone who assisted was filled with a sense of pride and honor.

To continue the feeling of exuberance and unity there was a bounteous brunch, prepared by members of the New Community Social Services Staff, in the School Hall. Brunch was comprised of sausage, eggs, hash browns, juice and coffee. This was the day to fill the soul and the body and the seniors were quite pleased and felt refreshed because this was indeed their day.

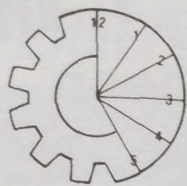
It is truly hoped that everyone will slow down just a little and learn to celebrate life.

Joyce Cook



NC Roseville Residents and friends enjoy Senior Sunday.





# Employment Center News

## We Always Need Job Openings: Job Seekers We Have

Every morning when we open the door the phone is ringing, and more than likely the caller says, "I was referred to your agency by..." or, "My friend said I should call you." But we know that they are seeking work and want our help. There are many such phone calls and many people come by to see us every day. The demand for jobs far exceeds what we can handle.

The first major mistake we began to make when we opened NCC Employment Center five years ago was to interview **everyone** who came **when** they came. Now appointments are made, because we found at one point that all we were doing was interviewing. We had not left ourselves any time to make **job connections** for the applicants we had accepted. Now, each counselor does a balancing act with their time, seeing as many job seekers as possible, but being sure to allow a reasonable amount of time to find job openings for the job seekers already interviewed.

Last year we found positions for over 1400 unemployed people. The truth is that if we attempted to work with many more we would have found jobs for many less. There are thousands more in the Newark area needing our help in finding jobs than we can possibly accommodate.

But job seekers — don't be discouraged. People who call us at 733-4930 and ask for an appointment get an interview in a reasonable period and the vast majority of these receive an appointment for an employer interview before they leave our office. Some are working the next day.

### We Need Job Openings

About 500 employers call us whenever they have openings. Some of these are small employers so we do not hear from them that often, but some we regularly talk with several times a week. In an average month we will receive nearly 200 job orders.

We would not have this following with employers if they were not pleased with the people we select for their particular specifications. Additional benefits for employers are the speed, convenience and economy of filling their staffing needs by calling us. The

employer saves time and money because we are selecting prospective job candidates rather than having the candidates self-selected as is the case with want ads and most other methods.

New Community Employment Center is well respected among employers in the community as a quality service that gives personalized attention to each employer's specific needs. However, we will always need more job openings than job seekers because we will not be able to fill each employer's specifications with the job seekers available. So we encourage employers among you to let us know when you have openings of any kind at any level. And those of you that know employers, be our ambassadors and ask them to list their openings with us. Or just call us on an informal basis when you think there might be an opening and we'll do the rest.

We try to find each job seeker an employment opportunity to match his or her qualifications. Unless their education and experience are very extensive and very specific, we are usually able to make at least one appointment by telephoning likely employers. Unfortunately, back in March and April this year we found a tremendous slump in job orders. Wherever we called for even the most common positions, we found that employers weren't hiring.

Not only did this result in fewer placements but the effect was even more profound. Because we were spending additional time making phone calls for each applicant we had to alter our appointment making and interviewing schedules. So less job orders meant that we were able to counsel a lot less jobless people.

New job seekers are always welcome at New Community Employment Center. Call us and we will get you through to a job quickly. But none of that would be possible without the backing and enthusiasm of our employers — and all the rest of you that faithfully let us know as soon as job openings come to light.

Call 733-4930 when you hear of one. We couldn't do without you.

JOHN BINS

## Young People Need Summer Jobs

Sure! Summer work will help keep young people occupied. But working during formative years is much more than that. Later, when permanent work is sought the prospective employer will know that the job seeker has already held a job. He already knows the importance of good work habits. She knows the importance employers attach to perfect attendance and punctuality.

Summer work will also give that positive experience of feeling that a person can make it as a contributing member of society. And for many, the money he or she earns is the difference in their family between paying the grocer and the rent bill at the end of the month, or being able to save for their education.

NCC Employment Center is helping make summer job connections for youth for the fifth straight year. Last summer we found positions for 235 young people age 16 through 18 and 78 age 19 through 22. Some of the positions were year-round but most of these positions were for the summer. And there should be no question later that these workers were earning their way because none of these positions were subsidized in any way. Workers were kept on only as long as they produced.

NCC Employment Center makes a substantial contribution to youth all year long. Two of our five counselors concentrate on youth 22 years old or

younger. In the fall and winter months, the emphasis is on parttime jobs for students as well as first jobs for high school or college graduates or those taking a year off from college to earn tuition. Full time jobs are sought for those who have finished school or perhaps dropped out.

The Employment Center is able to find jobs for the vast majority of the young people it serves. But this is the make or break time of the year for summer jobs. If you are an employer, or know one, seeking an energetic, enthusiastic worker for the summer (or even year-round), call one of our Youth Counselors at 643-3828. And if you know a young person seeking summer work who has not registered with us, she or he should do so today by telephoning 733-4930 and asking for an appointment.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you'd like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job — or a better job — just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.

## Medical Day Care Luncheon Enjoyed

On Friday, May 12, 1989, a Mother's Day Luncheon was held by the New Community Extended Care Facility Day Care Program for clients and a family member or guest. Sixty people attended this affair.

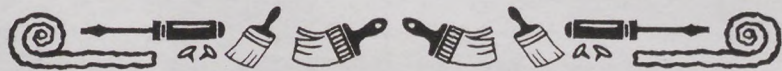
The clients were served by staff members. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Each person who attended, both

clients and guests, was given a corsage to wear which was made by the Medical Day Care clients. Individual gifts of a long stem rose or a pin were given to each of our ladies in the program.

It was very enjoyable occasion for all who attended.

Mary Black

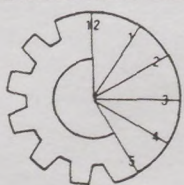


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## Babyland Nursery Honors Benefactors And Volunteers Of Daycare Center For Babies With AIDS

Babyland Nursery, the largest daycare provider in the state, honored a group of volunteers and benefactors June 9, 1989 who are special friends of the Babyland daycare center for HIV-infected infants and toddlers, which opened in February.

"We look to the generosity of peo-

volunteer used to build cribs; a contractor who provided insulation for the renovated building that houses the center; volunteer caregivers who assist the professional staff; and benefactors who have donated money for the operation of the center, including two members of the Newark



The picture of the "Madonna with Flowers" was presented to the Jr. League Women of Montclair/Newark in appreciation for all their contributions to Babyland IV.

ple, like you, who care deeply about the babies we serve," said Mary Smith, Founder and Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, Inc.

The center, operated by Babyland in conjunction with Head Start and also funded through a state grant, has capacity for 30 children, a number which will not be reached until additional funding is secured, said Mrs. Smith. Care is presently provided for 12 children.

Among those who were honored at a reception in The Atrium at St. Joseph Plaza in Newark were women from the Junior League of Montclair/Newark; a lumber dealer who donated wood which another

corporate community who collected money from employees for toys.

Madge Wilson, President of Babyland Nursery, Inc., said the newest Babyland Nursery "carries on the proud tradition of community involvement that has contributed to the success of every Babyland center."

Sister Mary Lou Madden, Center Supervisor, and Sister Suzanne Janis, Social Service Coordinator, praised the warmth and caring the volunteers bring to their work on behalf of the children at the center. The facility combines daycare, child development, and family support services for HIV-infected children. This integrated approach considers not on-



Volunteers are recognized for their services to Babyland 4. Left to right are Marge Hake, volunteer caregiver, Sr. Mary Lou, Diana LaBozza, member of the Jr. League, and Sr. Suzanne Janis.

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## Babyland Board Members Hold Alumni Reunion Luncheon

The first Babyland Alumni Reunion Luncheon was held at the Priory Restaurant, Saint Joseph's Plaza, on Saturday, May 27, 1989. Approximately forty (40) Babyland parents, children, grandparents, employees and Board Members were in attendance to reflect on Babyland's early beginnings and a hope for the future - a hope to establish an Alumni Association to assist and support Babyland Nursery, Inc., in its philosophy, goals and objectives to provide quality social service programs.

Marilyn Martin, Mistress of Ceremonies and Babyland Board Member, directed the program which included greetings from Madge Wilson, Babyland Board President, remarks from Georgia Ransome, Babyland Board Member, Irene Stewart a Babyland grandmother (who also donated two (2) children's swings to Babyland), and Monsignor William Linder, one of Babyland's most staunch supporters. An invitation to parents to establish an Alumni Association came from Ruby

Dawson, Board Member and Alumni Reunion Chairperson. Attendants also enjoyed the talents of Emily Ross, soloist and Warren Alston, pianist.

In the absence of Mary Smith, Babyland's founder and Executive Director, Michele Ransome, a former Babyland student now 17 years old, sang "Memories" and presented a dozen red roses to Martha Palmer, the Executive Director's twin sister and also one of Babyland's founders.

All present enjoyed the program and the buffet luncheon and departed the affair to find a beautiful sunny day, a pleasant surprise to the earlier flooding conditions. We expect the beautiful sunny day to be an indication of the successful formulation of a Babyland Nursery, Inc., Alumni Association.

Martha Carroll  
Assistant Director  
For Human Resources

## Second Annual Babyland Inservice Workshop Held

The second annual employee inservice workshop for all Babyland employees was held Saturday, June 10, 1989, at Babyland III.

Our day began at 8:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast. At 9:00 a.m. Sisters Catherine Moran and Dolores Russo provided the opening prayer and invocation which evoked the mood for the workshop through silence, meditation, reflection, and prayer.

The workshop, "Professionalism and the Child Care Provider," presented by the Wise Women's Center of Essex County College, was designed to help each employee...

\* Recognize their role as a "significant other."

\* Understand the importance of giving a child a sense of self-esteem

\* Use appropriate discipline techniques.

\* Incorporate a sense of professionalism in their job.

For the second time, Phyllis J. Peterman, Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University, was the presenter. Professor Peterman again conducted a workshop of excellence. Her presentation was a combination of lecture, discussion, role play and exercises. She defined professionalism and the professional in child care, the life cycle stage of the child care provider, and the employee as care provider, substitute parent and role model.

Through written exercises and role play, employees themselves identified characteristics of professionalism they each possessed and professionalism areas they each should improve; incidents between themselves and a child, parent, or co-worker that were handled positively or negatively and outcomes of same; pleasant and unpleasant incidents in their childhood and reasons; negative or positive behaviors in parent or child and what can be done to modify or enhance the behavior.

The semi-annual workshops are State-mandatory for employees, but because of the quality of each given session and the response from employees in attendance, it is obvious that were these sessions not State-mandated, Babyland employees are dedicated enough to attend anyway.

We all look forward to the next workshop to be held in the Fall of 1989.

Martha Carroll  
Assistant Director  
For Human Resources



Madge Wilson, President of the Board talks to Fred Hillman, the Director of Public Relations from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

ly the needs of the children, but also of the family and the community. The center utilizes the special medical and social services of Childrens Hospital AIDS program.

Babyland, a component of the New Community Corporation Network, has a long history of providing quality, affordable daycare. It serves 400 children in four different centers, and also maintains a protective service program for abused and neglected children, a Family Day Care Program, and New Jersey's largest protective service program for victims of family violence, which includes the operation of a shelter for women and their children.

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# Babyland Alumni Reunion Stirs Fond Memories





## Crowning Of The NCC Older American King And Queen

It was a splendid day for a royal coronation. This marked the 3rd year of choosing a King and Queen to represent the senior population of New Community as outstanding Older Americans.

The crowning was held on Saturday, May 20th at the Saint Rose of Lima School Hall. There, representative "Kings" and "Queens" from each NCC complex awaited the final vote and selection. Participants were: Mrs. Henrietta Dukes and Mr. William Jackson, both of NC Manor; Reverend Lauvinia Green and Mr. Robert Pritchard of NC Roseville; Mr. and Mrs. Brack of NC Commons; Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson of Douglass-Harrison; Mr. John Morban and Mrs. Allie Mae Arnold of NC Gardens and Mr. Arthur Lipscomb and Mrs. Phyllis Burton of NC Associates.

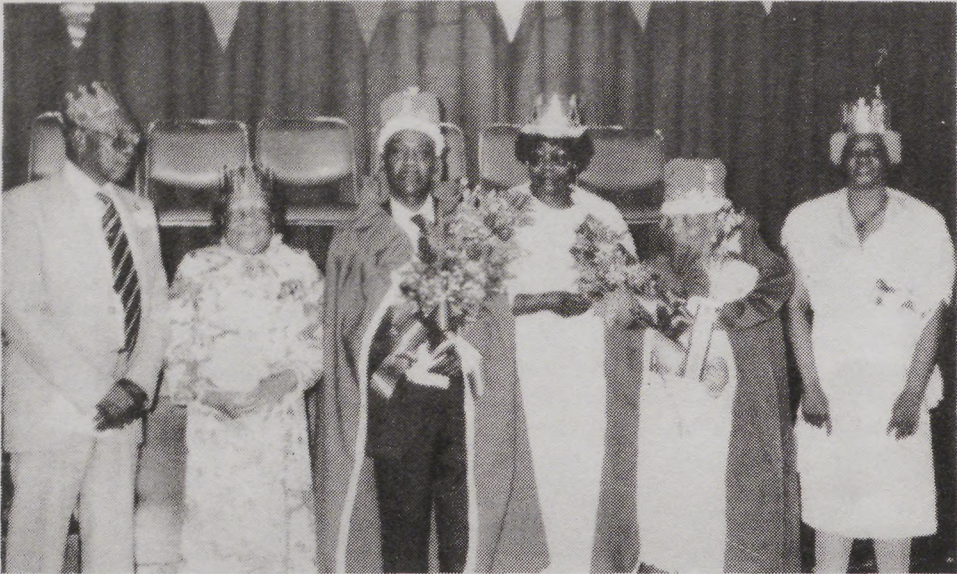
The Participants were all selected by their peers to represent their building as most outstanding individuals. Each received a small bronzed trophy as a token and reminder of their commission.

At the pageant, each participant was formally introduced and processed before a large gathering of peers and relatives. The air was filled with pride and anticipation, waiting to see who was going to bear the title "NCC Older American King and Queen 1989."

On hand to assist were last year's winners, Mrs. Ora Waters, 1988 Queen from NC Manor and Mr. Arthur Lipscomb, 1988 King, who won when the King-elect surrendered his crown due to illness.

While a tasty luncheon was being served and door prizes were drawn, the ballots were being tallied. There were well over 100 persons present, so this meant a long and careful task for the counters.

All the votes had been counted and there was a hush in the Hall as the names of the second runners-up were announced "Mr. Robert Pritchard and Mrs. Henrietta Dukes Goodson." Next came the first runners-up. They would have to carry on the event of absence of the King or Queen, "Mr. William Jackson and Reverend



Crowning of the King and Queen (left to right) Mr. William Jackson (1st runner up), Rev. Lauvinia Green (1st runner up), Mr. Arthur Lipscomb (king), Mrs. Ora Waters (Queen '88), Mrs. Phyllis Burton (Queen '89), and Mrs. Henrietta Dukes Goodson (2nd runner up).

Lauvinia Green."

Eight persons sat poised. Only two more names would be called. "For King 1989, Mr. Arthur Lipscomb of NC Associates and Queen, Mrs. Phyllis Burton," also of NC Associates. Tears of happiness filled their eyes as they were clothed with royal robes, crowns, trophies and adorned with beautiful bouquets of roses. Mrs. Ellen Watson, a resident of NC Associates gave a con-

gratulatory salute and said she felt as if she had won.

Congratulations King Arthur and Queen Phyllis, may your reign be a joyful one.

The King and Queen made their first guest appearance at the Annual NC Seniors Fish Fry on Friday, June 2nd.

Joyce Cook  
Social Services

## Nine Decades Celebrated

New Community Roseville celebrated the birthday of Ms. Mary Boyce a long time resident and friend of the Community.

Ms. Boyce is well known for her work at the rectory of Saint Rose of Lima where she worked with the priests and the Little Sisters of the Poor. She retired after almost fifty years.

Ms. Boyce attended Mass regularly on Sundays and all Holy Days. I remember as a child my brothers and I would always sit in the pew behind her because she always smiled as we came in. It would be rare occasion not to smell her delicate fragrance or see

her fine beaded hairnet as we entered.

Being a petite person did not hinder her. Mary believes in doing for herself and still tries to do as much as she is physically able.

Turning 90 on May 26th was a reminder of what living peacefully and righteously holds in store for you.

Now, with beautiful snow-white hair and a shy girl-like smile, Mary shared a huge birthday cake with some of her friends, who have become her family.

Happy Birthday Mary! May you see 10 more!

Joyce Cook  
Social Services

## 140 Good Deeders

Louise Walker, Coordinator of the 140 Good Deeders Club, has a collection of letters acknowledging the contribution of knitted and crocheted items to various organizations. Last year, the Homeless Health Care project received hypothermia caps for their clients from this club. Childrens' clothes, lap robes and sheets are other items made. The members, Julia James, Dorothy Harris, Irene Carr, Lottie Johnson, Zepher Johnson, Gussie Huggins and Louise Walker, are all residents of Commons Senior, better known as "140."

Five years ago these women responded to a request for volunteers presented by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and have been faithful volunteers ever since. That kind of commitment is special. Illness only interrupts their service, but doesn't stop them from doing their handiwork. Both Zepher Johnson and Gussie Huggins have suffered strokes yet they continue their volunteer work. Julia James, while undergoing radiation treatments, keeps her crocheting near at hand and works at it when she can. This spirit of generosity and concern for others is a way of sharing Jesus. These ladies are genuine in their concern for others.

"It's gratifying," said Mrs. Walker. "It's good to know that you're keeping people warm." In the midst of her own troubles right now Julia James continues to feel for others. The years of service that she has given have helped to shape her into a respected and well-thought of person. In giving we receive and the gifts we get back are everlasting.

The 140 Club has reached out and joined hands with many through their work. Who knows what connections have been made? This is missionary work that puts people in touch with people and spreads love. God's work continues through you. Thank you, Seniors, for sharing your gifts and talents. God Bless you.

Sr. Kay Coll

## Roses Are Red

"Mary, Mary how does your garden grow..."

Familiar words to a child's nursery rhyme and also what you might be inclined to ask Mrs. Angela Hicks and Mrs. Ernestine Rouse of NC Manor Seniors. These ladies are the self-appointed grounds-keepers of the beautiful flower garden which adorns the front entrance to NC Manor.

Back bent, hands gloved the task of pulling weeds, pruning and spacing

is a tiring and tedious one. Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Rouse don't seem to mind. They always take the time to tend to their "children" as they affectionately refer to their roses, marigolds, violets, petunias, geraniums, etc.

For the past three years they have seen to it that when spring comes there is always a nice spot to look forward to, so that those who sit outside or pass by will have a pleasant and fragrant view to behold.



These women are the self-appointed grounds-keepers of the NC Manor flower garden.

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# Keep In Mind What Matters

What matters is that which has special value, relevance, or meaning. When people failed to pay attention to what mattered there ensued: broken marriages; disrupted families; neglected children; ruined careers; diminished resources; damaged health; vehicular accidents; delinquency, crime, and incarceration. A good education to equip one to become a competent worker and a functional citizen is what matters to youth in this society today. Youth restricted in their vision to fun frequently lose sight of what really matters and are prone to succumb to the mundane pleasures that lead to dropping out of school, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, chronic unemployment, and unrealized careers.

On approaching and passing the isle of Capri, where lived lovely maidens, sailors who listened to the enchanting voices of the Sirens forgot what mattered, their homes and loved ones, and were drawn to the shores of Capri and eventually death. The Sirens of temptation, unbridled desires, undisciplined lives, and rampant immorality have caused many youth to have their lives and futures crash on the shore of failure and unhappiness.

In life there may be submerged rocks of temptation; hidden shoals of

false values; coral reefs of incompassion; and tides of distracting influences which one must avoid. A good pilot and navigator keeps eyes and mind on the guiding star and compass utilizing the moral influence of the light of the spiritual lighthouse and the celestial sound of a spiritual buoy to steer a correct course that will direct both sailor and vessel toward their heavenly destination.

There are times when one may be perplexed by an array of interests and may have to decide which is the most important. One may have to decide between 'wants' which have to do with desires and inclinations and 'needs' which have to do with requisites: physiological; psychological; or spiritual. It is paramount to keep one's mind on things worthwhile and make sure that energy is expended to a good and useful purpose, and not wasted on misdirected emotions, for emotions are subjected to action. It is an axiom of history that what one thinks determines what one is.

How often has one heard or read about people who attained wealth, power, or fame who were unhappy — something was missing — something that mattered? King Solomon had wealth, power, and victory over his enemies. His ships brought him great wealth from his trade with India,

Southern Arabia, and Ethiopia. He wrote poetry and composed remarkable works on natural history and practical philosophy, but King Solomon felt that something in his life was missing — something that mattered. In Ecclesiastes 12:13 he expressed what in life, to him, really mattered, "...the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep the commandments, for this is the whole duty of men and women."

When we come to the end of the trial of life and look back at our material acquisitions, fleeting fame, and amorous involvements we may ask ourselves how important were those mundane adventures — did they really matter? On Judgement Day when one stands before the Heavenly Tribunal to give an account — when the "Judgment of God...will render to each according to his or her deeds," (Romans 2:5-6), that which matters: did you "love god with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with your strength," and did you "love your neighbor as yourself" — the real question will be "did you keep in mind what matters?"

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# Take Me Out To The Ballgame

What started out as a gray rain-threatening day turned out to be a class "A" day for the senior Mets fans of New Community.

June 21st was the first day of summer and also Senior Day at Shea Stadium. That is where the community coach bus, driven by a very courteous James Simpson, had taken forty-nine NC Seniors and their grandchildren. This is the most popular of all the summer outings. Seats had been sold out for weeks. We probably could have filled three buses quite easily.

The clouds dissipated just in time for the 1st inning of a most exciting game between the Montreal Expos and the New York Mets. It was a really close game played before an almost packed stadium of cheering fans who were most elated as the home team gained the victory with a score of METS-2, EXPOS-0.

The journey home was filled with good cheer and happy memories of a day well spent.

Everyone will be waiting to hear the call again for... "Ballgame Anyone?"

Joyce

# NCC/Babyland Enjoys Fourth Of July Picnic



Employees enjoyed the Fourth of July at St. Rose's tots park.





## At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

### The Greening Of New Community Or...Social Services Takes The Red Out

Part of the celebration of Older American's Month in some Senior Buildings was a hot dog sale featuring prices from the 50's. Even though I'm not yet eligible to reside in a Seniors' building, I can remember being able to buy a hot dog and a coke for twenty-five cents. Now, getting just a coke for **twice** that is a real bargain.

This is an only too familiar feature of today's economy. With the demise of the middle class, more and more people are finding it harder to make ends meet. For low income people on fixed incomes, it is virtually impossible.

A very rewarding aspect of working in N.C.'s Social Services Department is making sure our residents are receiving all the benefits for which

they are eligible. There are many, but sometimes people do not hear about them, or find the application process formidable.

As if on cue, as I was writing this article, a gentleman I've been helping called to say he just received his PAAD Card — Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, a state program which enables Medicare patients who meet certain other criteria to buy all prescriptions for \$2.00 each.

Isaac Priester of Manor Families, 72 Hayes Street, was thrilled. He had been paying \$60.90 every five weeks for one prescription. Taking advantage of this wonderful program will give him more money at the end of the month. Even though helping him apply is part of my job, he acts, and

I feel, as if I just gave him a wonderful gift. With 1800 units of Senior and Disabled Persons housing, plus those residing in Families Housing and Douglass-Harrison, it's like Christmas every day.

(There is another program from the State Department of Health similar to PAAD. It is called R.D.P. and assists patients who are on A.Z.T. therapy.)

It is really Christmas in July when the Home Energy Cooling Assistance checks start arriving. This year the Social Services Department helped 579 clients file applications. At \$125 per benefit, that's a lot of cold cash. This program is available to qualified people through the County Department of Citizen Services. To qualify, a person needs to be suffering from a health problem which can be helped

by air conditioning, and to be able to meet certain income guidelines.

Social Services providers also assist with applications for the Food Stamps Program and encourage eligible people to apply for another energy assistance program called Lifeline, and Property Tax Rebates for Renters.

We try to keep people in the pink from head to toe (and in the black!). Between arranging free eye and dental screenings, and providing opportunities for regular check-ups by our very own podiatrist, Dr. Frank, getting the red out of our clients' financial pictures is quite successful — and we love every minute of it.

**Sr. Mary Ellen  
Social Worker**

### Gone Fishing!!!

Bright and early on June 8, John Morgan and Dennis Nicholson were ready and waiting outside NC Gardens seniors to set out on what would prove to be a great adventure. adventure.

This was the day that Ron Taddei, who has a charter fishing boat service out of Brielle, N.J. had invited New Community Seniors aboard.

These seasoned fishermen had a wonderful time. In fact, Mr. Nicholson caught the largest fluke of the '89 season, citing patience as the secret of his success. Patience, good

weather, good food, and good friends are an unbeatable combination.

Ron Taddei has been a wonderful friend and benefactor to New Community residents this fishing season. Each weekend he's taken members of the N.C. Youth Council aboard to be coached in the intricacies of the sport of fishing, and to learn how to navigate and operate the craft.

There is nothing like a day on the water to lift the spirit and get a new lease on life. We have Ron to thank for making this possible for some of our residents.



Ron Taddei teaches the group how to drive the boat.



Ron Taddei gives the group directions on where they are going and some fine points on safety.

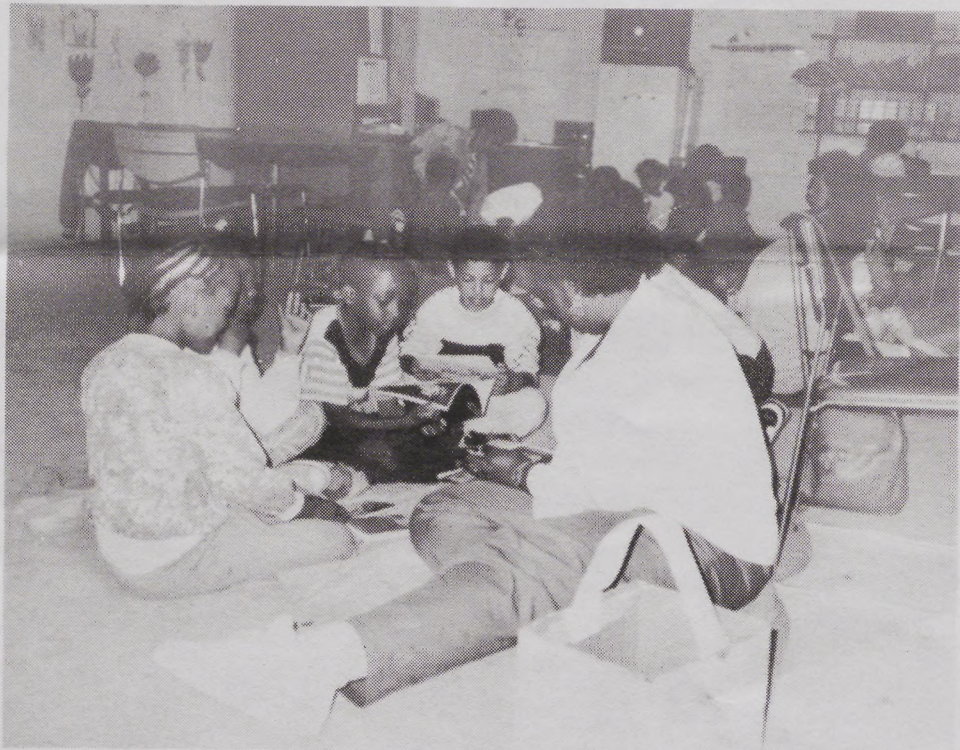
### R.I.F. Book-nic A Hit

"How many of you have ever been on a picnic?"

The after-school students were asked this question on June 16th. A majority of hands went up. "Well, a book-nic is just like a picnic, but instead of bringing food, you read!" explained Scott Santarosa, After-school coordinator. And so, within minutes the after-schoolers were sitting on blankets on the floor of the 220 Bruce Street Youth Service Rec Room.

Their tutors, the Vista workers reached into brightly-checked red and white "picnic baskets" and pulled out a small array of books from which each child got to choose their favorite. The children, then, started reading the books to themselves and to each other.

The book-nic was the fourth book distribution project this school year, and the books were funded partly by a Reading Is Fundamental Federal



The children could not wait to receive their books from the book-nic basket delivered by Jennie Williams.



An award was given for the biggest catch of the day.

Grant. R.I.F. supplies such grants to enable youngsters to take new books to keep as their own in hopes that children's desires to read will increase.

Thanks to R.I.F., the book-nic was a success, and best of all this gathering had no ants!

### Kids Star In Anti-Drug Skits

Local NCC youth joined the 220 Bruce Street After-School program to play the leading roles in five anti-drug skits on June 9th. The regular after-schooler tutors, the Vistas, became like Hollywood directors and challenged the youngsters to act out various real-life scenes involving drugs and saying no to drugs. There was quite a variety of scenarios — some illustrating the effects of drug abuse on family members, another showing different ways to refuse drugs offered by a stranger. All of the skits provided great food for thought and discussion of vitally important ways to be strong in the fight against drugs.



# After-School Program Comes To A Close

As June brings the final days of school for our youngsters, it also brings an end to many activities associated with school. Two such programs that came to a close were the New Community After-School Programs. The program which is located at St. Rose of Lima School ended on the last day of school, June 16th. The 220 Bruce Street site had its final day



Scott Santarosa presents Taneshah Hudson with an award for outstanding attendance.

the following Monday. They ended with a bang.

The 220 Bruce Street after-schoolers were dismissed from school at 1:00 PM, and from then until five-thirty they danced, ate, played games and watched movies to celebrate the close of the school year. Most of the youngsters had sufficient cause to celebrate — they would be moving to another grade in school.

One of the party's highlights occurred at the small awards ceremony at the beginning of the party. The winners of "Outstanding Attendance" Awards were Taneshah Hudson, Marcus Captain, Nadirah Brown, Rayne Hunter, Robia Taylor, James Matos, Omar Brown, Kai Tyler-Cook and Tarra Leslie. The overall "Most Improved Student" Award for grades K-3 went to third grader Devin Hepburn, and the "Most Outstanding" Award to those grades was won by Omar Brown. "Honorable Mentions" Award went to Tanishah Hudson, Marcus Captain, and Nadirah Brown. Awards for "Excellence in Artistic Endeavors" were won by Robia Taylor and Chanell Brown — they were hard workers on their art projects this year.

For the grade levels 4-8, sixth grader Shari Gaines won the "Most Outstanding" Award, and Fuquana



Special awards were presented to Fuquana Ferguson - outstanding citizenship, Omar Brown - most outstanding grades K-3, Devin Hepburn - most improved student, and Shari Gaines - most outstanding grades 4th-8th.

Ferguson won the "Outstanding Citizenship" Award. Both students have been a pleasure to work with this year and have won the "Most Outstanding Student" Awards for various months of the program. "Honorable Mention" goes to Jamar Pullins for his great work, too.

Another highlight of the day was the homemade ice cream which was concocted by Mrs. Mae Harper, Vista worker. The kids enjoyed it greatly as well as some stories brought by Mrs.

Pidilla which were read aloud and elicited student participation. Musical Chairs with thirty-plus students also proved to be a good time, with Tara Leslie being the last person in the game.

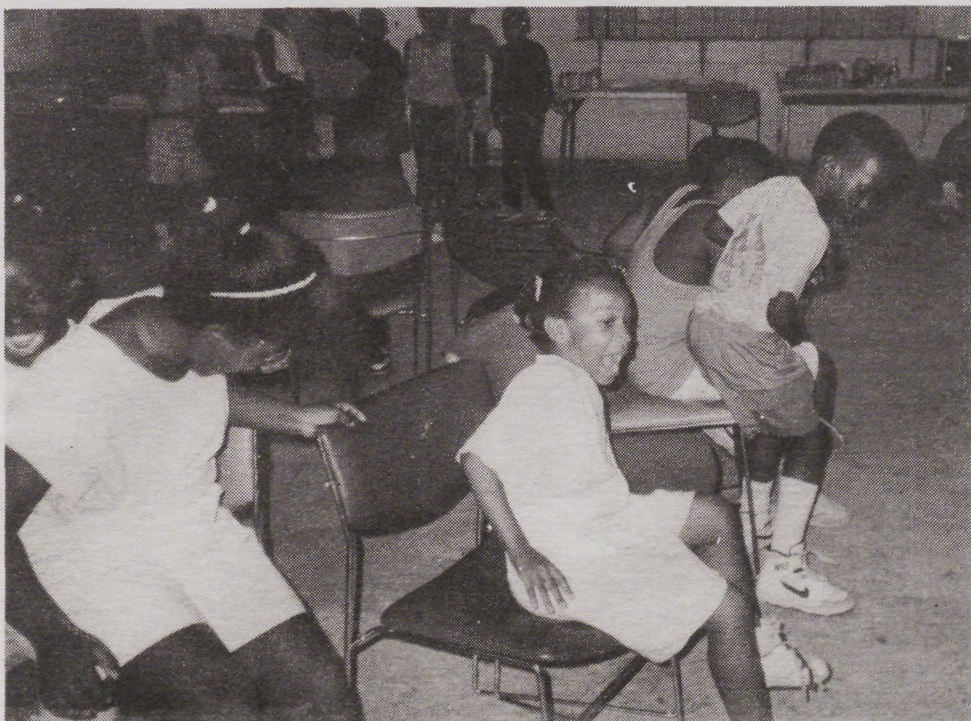
In all, it was a good end to a good year in the After-School Program. We hope to see both this year's after-schoolers along with some new faces next Fall when we begin again. Meanwhile, enjoy your summer, after-schoolers!



Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Padilla brightened the day by making homemade ice cream.



The children enjoyed the party.



## FOCUS on FAMILIES

### Lions In The Garden

People are funny. Usually, those who try to impress, or appear to be overly impressed with themselves, attract others the least. On the other hand, the quiet unassuming ones among us often make the biggest impact.

I have this reaction again and again observing the children and young people in N.C. Families Housing.

Two young men in Gardens Families are especially impressive, Tihanne Wright and Telly Andrews. Their serenity conveys the sense that they are at peace with themselves and the rest of the world. These little boys are helpful, cheerful, and friendly. Their up-beat attitude is remarkable. The fact that each of these eight year olds appear consistently happy against great odds is amazing.

It was already dark about 5:00 one

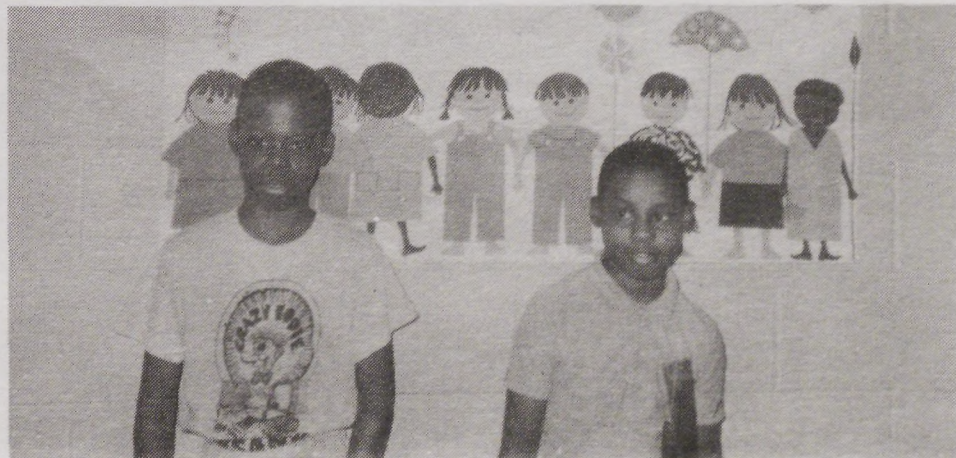
evening shortly after Thanksgiving last year when Tihanne Wright, running away from a dog, was hit by a car driven by someone who did not even stop (and has not yet been apprehended).

To say that the family's holidays were ruined would be an understatement. Tihanne was in the hospital with a broken leg until New Year's Eve. When he came home, he could barely walk. Now, with regular visits to the doctor and physical therapist, he is doing pretty well. "I'm proud of that," brags his mother Joani.

Telly Andrews lives right around the corner from Tihanne. Telly has cerebral palsy, a disease which has seriously affected his vision and his ability to walk — conditions that can never be corrected. "His mind is very good," recounts his aunt, Eleanor Smith, who has raised him from infancy. "Everybody loves him." He is even on the Usher Board of the Fellowship Baptist Church on Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

The Bible says, "A little child will lead them." I feel confident that when the time comes, the little child will bear strong resemblance to Tihanne and Telly.

Sr. Mary Ellen



Telly Andrews and Tihanne Wright have overcome great odds in life.



## Gwendy Long Proposes Choices For Graduates As Keynote Speaker

"Make good choices for your life; you are the future. Choose to be healthy; choose to be educated. Leave from here today, proud of your accomplishments to date, but aware of the choices that await you." This was



Gwendolyn Long

the message echoed by Gwendolyn Long as she concluded her keynote address at the commencement exercises of St. Rose of Lima School Class of 1989.

On Sunday morning, June 11th at the 10:30 Mass, some twenty-one graduates of St. Rose's were conferred their diplomas, thus ending their elementary education, in an impressive ceremony officiated by Rev. Monsignor William Linder at which both parents and parishioners attended.

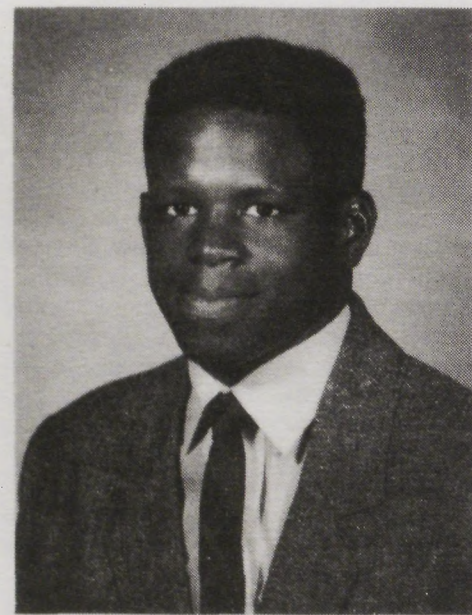
Ms. Long who is the Director of Human Services of New Community Corporation, was introduced by two valedictorians, Olubukola Ijaola and Nadirah Brown, as one "who has spent years of her life planning, developing, organizing and implementing programs for vulnerable children and their families."

"The greatest difference between my world and yours," she observed, "is that you have more control of what will become of you. You have greater and more difficult choices which you can make and will make, especially in the next four years; choices that will determine where you will live, how you will live and even whether you will live..."

"Take these choices seriously, make these choices wisely, do not be afraid to ask for help in making choices, but always take full responsibility for the choices that you do make."

## Native Son Len James II Receives Five Year College Scholarship To Rutgers

Len James II, a 1985 graduate of St. Rose of Lima School and recently a 1989 graduate of Seton Hall Prep, has received the James Dickson Carr Scholarship at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick. This prestigious award was given to him in recognition of his outstanding academic and personal



Len James

qualifications at the completion of his secondary education.

According to Edward J. Bloustein, President of Rutgers, "the James Dickson Carr Scholarship Program was established to recognize exceptional minority students and to encourage them to consider Rutgers University for their postsecondary education. The scholarship is named after James Dickson Carr, the first black graduate of Rutgers and a member of the class of 1892."

Len will enter the College of Pharmacy in September as a full time student. The award for his studies is \$5000 per year with renewal each year, subject to his maintaining a satisfactory level of academic progress.

Four years ago Len received the prestigious four year St. Rose of Lima-Seton Hall Scholarship for his outstanding academic performance and family involvement at St. Rose's. At Seton Hall Prep he sustained a high honors average and was commended by Father Michael Kelly, Headmaster, on his selection as a Garden State Scholar for 1989-90 academic year.

## Commencement Awards Go To Deserving Grads

For the first time in recent years, there were two valedictorians honored at the commencement of St. Rose of Lima Class of 1989. For having maintained excellence in their academic performance, Olubukola Ijaola and Nadirah Brown were so honored. Olubukola entered St. Rose of Lima School as a kindergarten student in 1980 and will enter Marylawn of the Oranges in September. Nadirah enrolled in St. Rose's in 1987, as a seventh grader and will enter Mt. Saint Dominic at Caldwell.

Other awards were as follows:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Tina Ogunbote; CONDUCT - Jason Reese; APOSTOLIC SERVICE - Carl Nemorin; SERVICE - Tina Ogunbote; MUSIC - Frances Smith; MATHEMATICS - Carl Nemorin and Nadirah Brown; HONORS - Frances Smith, Tina Ogunbote and Tremain Williams.

Monsignor Linder presented special awards to two families of the graduating class — the BALDWIN family and the NEMORIN family. Both of these families had sent all their children to St. Rose of Lima School with each registering in the Kindergarten and completing their studies by graduating from the eighth grade. In addition, both the BALDWINs and the NERMORINs are active parishioners and have always lived within the parish.



Nadirah Brown



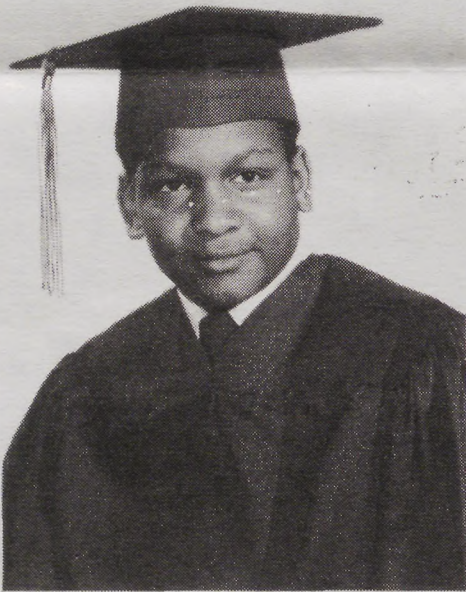
Olubukola Ijaola

## Kioni West Receives The St. Rose Of Lima Seton Hall Scholarship Award

It was announced by Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal at the commencement exercises for the class of 1989, that Kioni West is this year's recipient of the St. Rose of Lima-Seton Hall Scholarship.

Kioni who is an alumni of Babyland Nursery, enrolled in the kindergarten at St. Rose's in September, 1980. An ardent reader and often an articulate spokesman for fair play, Kioni is the son of Mrs. Shirley Dunson and Mr. Henry West.

This award is given to a member of each graduating class for outstanding achievement and service to St. Rose of Lima School. The scholarship provides four years of a paid tuition to Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange, New Jersey. Kioni must maintain an acceptable standard of academic performance throughout the four year period.



Kioni West

## Babyland Summer Program '89

Babyland's Summer Enrichment Program is off to a powerful start for the seventh straight year.

At our camp we try to develop friendship and sportsmanship between the children, and a union between the children and counselors, similar to a big family unit.

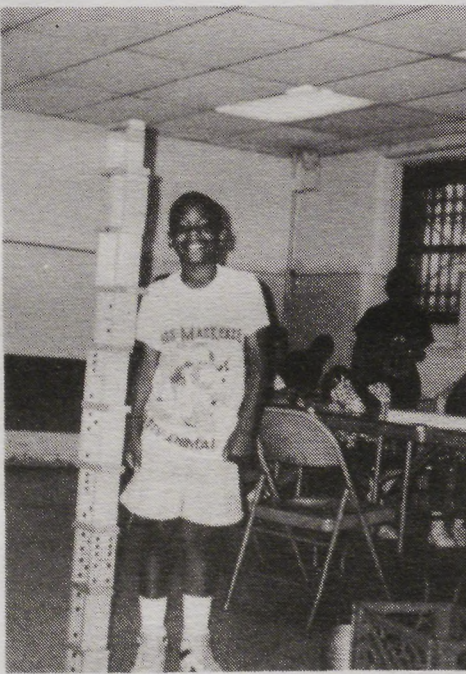
We have many activities to make the summer enjoyable including: ball playing; swimming at the YWCA; arts and crafts; aerobics at St. Joseph Plaza; computers; music - taught by Alan Jackson; and dance - taught by Paula Yaa Johnson.

We also have many trips to nearby parks such as Branchbrook, Newark and Glenwood, East Orange, and to lakes at Spruce Run, Stokes State Forest, and Round Valley. Campers attend many events at Symphony Hall and the Newark Museum for cultural events.

We hope this summer will be safe

and fun-filled for everyone.

Rooney Long



The children at the Babyland Summer enrichment program have a great time at the spa, doing gymnastics, and aerobics. There is also time for learning about computers, playing games, and going on field trips.

